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First Named Inventor: **BRADY, JOHN T.**Application No.: **09/990604**Group Art Unit: **1712**Filed: **November 21, 2001**Examiner: **D. Metzmaier**Title: **NANOPARTICLES HAVING A RUTILE-LIKE CRYSTALLINE PHASE AND
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed March 8, 2004, in the above-identified application.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

It is submitted that this Amendment places the application in condition for allowance or, in the alternative, narrows the issues for appeal. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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